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*Dear Friends,*

*It was just over a year ago that I asked the Presbyteral session of Synod in the Manchester and Stockport District for permission to 'sit down'. In doing so I reflected that I had been sat down for most of my ministry: at my desk doing admin and preparing sermons; in members' homes on pastoral visits; at a bedside visiting someone in hospital; at a table chairing meetings; and so on!*



*To seek to 'sit down' is our Methodist way for ministers asking to retire, though ministers never retire as they are ordained for life. Instead we become supernumerary which literally means 'above the numbers' or as someone jokingly put it 'surplus to requirements'!*

*After four years training at the Queen's College, Birmingham, I served in the following Circuits: Pudsey & Farsley, former Yorkshire mill towns, Stockton-on-Tees, York North, Hull Mission which during my time had a link with Sowerby and also while I was there I served the York and Hull District as Deputy Chair, and finally (I would say that I went as a Yorkshire missionary to the Lancastrians!) Shaw and Royton, a cotton mill town of which it's said that between the two World Wars had more millionaires per head of population than anywhere else in the world!*



*Looking forward to my retirement I had planned to take six months off. After all, it had been recommended to us on the retirement course that I attended. However, it is said that God moves in a mysterious way and it can also be said that God has a sense of humor! So it was that within two months of settling into my retirement that Leslie, our District Chair, asked me if I would do some work in the Thirsk & Northallerton Circuit and after a conversation with David Godfrey I, of course, said yes.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed being in the Circuit. Driving up the A19 in the winter months has been more than compensated for by the welcome and warmth of all who I have met. I am very grateful to those who have given me hospitality and a meal between services on Sundays. And I have greatly enjoyed leading worship in the various chapels in the Circuit.*

*May God bless you in the months to come.*

*Yours in Christ*

*David Jones*

## **First Aid Training**



The circuit is hoping to run a one day (6hr) training course for emergency first aid which will be open to anyone who wishes to attend. It could be for use in your church, you may need it to run Messy Church, tots groups or holiday clubs, or it may be for your own use to help in an emergency.

Can you please let Crinda at the circuit office know if you would be interested in attending as the possibility of booking a course and if they would come to us or we go to them depends totally on numbers. We would plan to run the course in September or October if it is viable. There may be the possibility of the circuit funding this course, but it has not been confirmed yet.

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## **Electricity supply to Adi Neuko. Eritrea.**

*About twelve years ago, the congregation of Sowerby Methodist Church was made aware that the residents of a small village in Eritrea did not have an electricity or water supply, and were having to carry water 6 miles to provide for their needs. The Government of Eritrea, which is a Communist regime, had promised to connect villages to the National Electricity supply which, in turn, would create the means to supply the village with water. However, the offer was conditional on the villagers paying the connection and installation costs for the electricity supply, which were estimated to be in the region of £20,000. Bearing in mind that this was a rural farming community, which had limited land allocated to it, and had experienced drought conditions for a number of years, this was a near impossible amount to raise. An added complication was that the village was in a priority queue, and had just nine months left to reach their target!*

*The Church Council considered the villagers' predicament and, bearing in mind the political and economic fragility of Eritrea, took a step of faith in deciding to raise money to assist them. A wide variety of fund raising activity was embarked upon and, in December 2006, an amount of £17,000 was deposited in an Eritrean Bank Account which had been set up by the Elders of the village. As a token of their appreciation, they sent the two decorative baskets which are on the windowsills in church.*

*Over the past twelve years, a number of setbacks have occurred but the villagers have shown great patience and determination to see their ambition fulfilled. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, our son-in-law, who lived in the village until he was ten, telephoned to tell me he had received a message from Adi Neuko, informing him that the electricity supply had been connected!*

*Once again, the villagers have asked that their heartfelt thanks be conveyed to everyone at Sowerby who helped to make this possible.  
Our step of faith twelve years ago has been rewarded.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Brian Marshman*





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# A Summer Serenade

with the Church Choir, led by Carolyn  
Chambers and accompanied by Linda Elsworth  
followed by light refreshments in the hall

**Saturday 16 June 2018 at 7.30 pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

There will be a collection in aid of

The Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre in  
Northallerton

Registered Charity 261017

## Events to mark the 880<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Standard, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1138

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

**Medieval Encampment:** a free, fun and family-friendly two-day event to illustrate the sights, sounds and smells of a medieval village. The event will include demonstrations, workshops, musical performance, storytelling and tradespeople selling items, food and drink contemporary to the medieval period.

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Candle-lit Medieval Banquet:** a ticket-only medieval banquet to be held in the nave of All Saints Parish Church in Northallerton, the only building still standing in Northallerton that witnessed the Battle of the Standard, and which it is rumoured, provided shelter to those injured in the battle.

### **Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Lecture:** a lecture on the Battle of the Standard is to be given by eminent historian Professor Matthew Strickland MA Ph.D (Cantab.), Professor of Medieval History at Glasgow University. The lecture will be held in the Main Hall at the Forum in Northallerton at 7.30pm.

### **Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Service of Commemoration:** an open air service to commemorate the Battle of the Standard to be held on Brompton village green starting at 3pm. Those attending are requested to bring their own garden chairs if they require seating. The Battle of the Standard, sometimes called the Battle of Northallerton, in which English forces repelled a Scottish army, took place on 22 August 1138 on Cowton Moor near Northallerton in Yorkshire. The Scottish forces were led by King David I of Scotland. The English were commanded by William of Aumale.

cf. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_the\\_Standard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Standard)

For further information about these and other events planned to commemorate the 880<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Standard please contact Peter Cole on 01609 767212 or email [peter.cole@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:peter.cole@hambleton.gov.uk)



# **THE LIVING ROOMS**

*What does the title bring to mind – comfort, warmth, love and support? Those are just the gifts we want to offer in the name of Christ to those in our community who are more vulnerable and find life challenging. The Living Rooms is a project which has been adopted by Churches Together in Northallerton as one of their priorities. It aims to establish welcoming premises and surroundings with simple hospitality in which to offer support to:*

- *Those whose mental well-being is fragile*
- *Those who experience isolation, not least the elderly*
- *Young people whose life skills and job-seeking capacities need enhancing.*

*These aims were established at a consultation last November attended by representatives of Churches in the town together with a wide range of statutory and voluntary bodies. A Steering Group has been established and has been working hard towards these goals.*

*Recently the Steering Group resolved to establish the project as a Charitable Incorporated Institution (CIO), using the Foundation model, as soon as possible. This will involve preparation of a draft constitution and the identification of Trustees as the decision making body, in order to make the necessary application for registration to the Charity Commissioners. Work is also in hand to formulate a business plan. Our current timetable aims at completing these steps by early Autumn.*

*One of our major difficulties has been identifying a suitable property which would accommodate the broad range of planned activities and services. As a result the Steering Group is now looking at starting small with a cafe-style space where “It is OK not to be OK” and we are working with Renew Wellbeing, a Christian network of similar projects ( for more information look at [www.renewwellbeing.org.uk](http://www.renewwellbeing.org.uk) ).*

*As we develop our business plan we will be looking for a wide variety of sources, including our Church partners, for financial support. We also hope that there will be plenty of people who can help us with the administrative and practical work of the project. If you feel you would like to be part of this exciting and much-needed development, please speak to one of your Church leaders. In the meantime please hold in your prayers the Steering Group and the considerable tasks to be undertaken over the Summer, not least suitable premises.*



## Circuit celebration

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August the circuit is hosting a social event, for the return of David Godfrey from his sabbatical, David Jones leaving us and for the circuit to look to the coming year with a new staff team



and our journey for the future.



The event will be held at Knayton, a central point in the circuit, at the HRAP Scout hall and if the weather is good, the extensive grounds outside. There is ample car parking and facilities for us to use. The event will be a gathering around 3pm followed by a short worship, lots of talking, socializing, music and

of course food. The event is open to everyone young and old and hopefully will be a joyous and relaxing event.

Watch out for further information in the church notices nearer the time.





## Circuit Worship Team.



*The circuit worship team is into its fifth year of ministry to the circuit, trying to bring a different style of worship to the congregations but this year we find that we are down to three members which is making planning difficult. We are therefore asking for you to consider joining us. Most of you will have experienced one of our services so you know what we do.*

*We take two or three services a quarter and try to have as many of the team available as possible, but we understand that there are other commitments to home churches etc. Our planning meetings take place in a member's home and are a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee and biscuits and up till now have been during the day.*



*If you would like to come and see what we do please speak to one of us when we are taking a service with you or contact me my number is on the plan. This could be your chance to have the kind of service you have always wanted!*

*Thankyou  
Karen*





## WORD SEARCH

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BEACH  
BASEBALL  
ICE CREAM  
SWIMMING

PICNIC  
VACATION  
SUNFLOWER  
WATERMELON

SANDCASTLE  
HEAT  
BOATING  
POOL







## Threads through Revelation



After reading the article in the previous issue of the Circuit magazine members of the Banner group at Northallerton decided to visit Ripon Cathedral to view this exhibition. What a delightful experience it was to see this display of very unusual textile art, 14 large panels depicting various themes from the book of Revelation. These included issues of life and faith, good and evil, death and resurrection, a New Heaven and a New Earth. Each panel was accompanied by the relevant passage of scripture and an explanation as to its meaning.

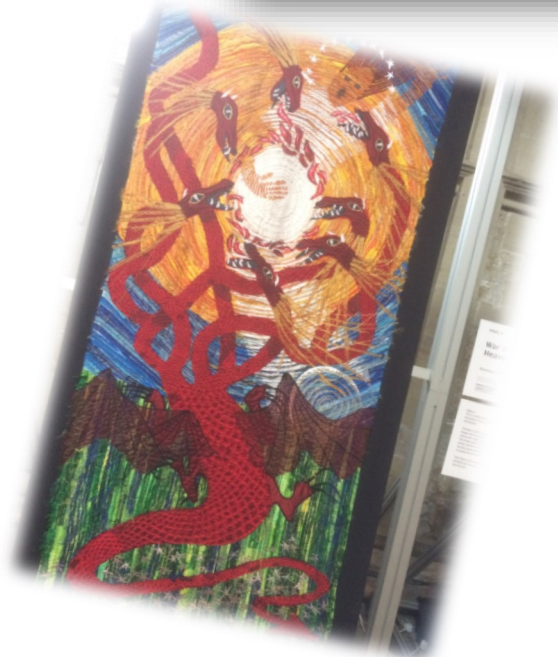


We were amazed at how the artist had captured the symbolism of John's writing and was able to visualise and create such beautiful and deeply moving imagery in her work. In her own words Revelation

".. is a vision of a wonderfully Holy God who has a wonderful plan for each of us and for the whole of creation." We certainly felt that on seeing this display. It was colourful, beautiful, awe-inspiring; truly a feast for the eye and spiritually challenging.



*Threads through Revelation has been created by textile artist Jacqui Parkinson.*



*Jacqui's work is grounded in her Christian faith. She hopes to bring something intriguing, inspiring, encouraging and challenging to those who view it.*



## Girls Brigade

### Esther Generation Weekend 2018



*On the 23rd of February we travelled to Cliff College, in Derbyshire, to participate in the Esther Generation Weekend 2018. The Esther generation weekend is all about bringing together girls from different companies from around England and Wales. The weekend is based around our young leader training (n:fluence) or for the older girls their Queen's award, making new friends and stepping out of your comfort zone to try new activities with people you may not know. The weekend's theme this year was The Beautiful Exchange based on Isaiah ch.61, we were encouraged throughout the weekend to remember that we are loved and chosen and to forget about all the bad things people may say about us because God made us how he wanted us to be. A verse that was given to us all on a card was Ephesians 2:10, this is a reminder that we don't necessarily need other people to like us because how we are is how God wanted us to be and it is all apart of his plan.*

*When we arrived we didn't know what to expect as this was the first time any of us had been, apart from Jessie who was part of the leadership team. Jessie took us into the main hall where we signed in, got our lanyards, room keys and a little goody bag. We were then we were shown to our rooms, Bekkah and Holly were sharing and I was on my own. The rooms were really nice and had ensuite bathrooms. TVs and kettles with tea, coffee and biscuits. After we had settled into our rooms and unpacked we went down to the cafeteria for dinner, which was pizza, and then we went into the Main Hall for 'a Big Warm Welcome'. This was when we were introduced to all of the leaders and given a brief overview of what was going to be happening over the weekend. Once the welcome was complete we split off into our streams (n:fluence or Queen's award), during this hour we did some "ice breaker" games with the rest of the young leaders, which really helped us get to know each other. We had an evening service next where we sang some songs and listened to Claire introduce us to the Beautiful Exchange, after that we had some free time until lights out at 11:00pm where we could get hot chocolate, go to the HEAR 4 U prayer space, or just go back to our rooms.*



*Saturday started with breakfast, worship then onto our young leader training up until lunch. During our training we got to be explorers (youngest section in GB), so we played games, coloured, did craft and read a story with actions, this helped us to think about what younger children like and how we can make sure they are engaged with whatever activity we want them to do. We made a mind map of all these ideas so we could incorporate them into our main task later in the day. After lunch we had two Be Courageous hours where we were encouraged to step out of our comfort zones and try something new, we decided to do a photography workshop and a games workshop both of which we enjoyed a lot! Then it was back to training, the afternoon was all about creating a video to encourage parents to bring their girls to Girls Brigade, this included planning, recording and editing.*



*Then it was dinner time, after dinner we had The Beautiful Exchange girls' night in, which was basically a birthday party for Girls Brigade as it is celebrated its 125th Anniversary this year. Like any birthday party we ate cake, played pass the parcel and had lots of fun. We then went back to our rooms, when, like the previous night, we had the options of hot chocolate or the HEAR 4 U prayer space. By this point we were very tired, although we did stay up longer to talk to some new friends that we had made.*

*On Sunday morning, we woke up and packed our bags to take them down to the main hall before we had another cooked breakfast. Afterwards, we did our worship workout, mastering the moves we had learned the day before. After feeling a bit more woken up, we did our final young*

*leaders session, where we did the final touches to our video presentations and then presented them to the other groups. There was a very wide range of the style of video, from my group's animated video, Bekkah's group comedic approach and lone's group more serious approach. We certainly saw each others creative sides! We then had lunch, before starting the Esther Celebration. During the celebration, we were able to think about all the things that had happened over the weekend, the new people we had met and reflect*



*on the new ideas about how we are going to ignore all the bad things that people say to us as we are all loved by God equally. After these moments of reflection, we all received certificates for our participation of the weekend. Then, it was*

*time to say our goodbyes to everyone, before Jessie took us home from a very exhausting but exciting weekend.*



## Call Blocker

*Call Blocker is like having a home receptionist who lets calls from your friends and family straight through, blocks unwelcome callers, and asks unrecognised callers to identify themselves before it puts them through. This gives you peace and quiet at home*

*Call Blocker is easy to set up – you just plug it in between your phone and the wall socket and it quickly learns who you like to speak to and who you don't. You decide how you want it to handle your calls, and Call Blocker does the rest.*

*It doesn't end there - you can optionally manage and control your call unit online through your personal Internet Control Panel. This allows you to view a log of all your incoming and outgoing calls, edit your trusted callers list and change your configuration settings. Online access is free for the first year after which there is an annual charge. Unfortunately, some scam companies are now supplying "call blocker" devices which do not work and are a fraud, so please ensure you use a genuine company.*

*"Which" recommend the machine below as the best available, it is not the cheapest but works far better than the cheaper ones.*

**Barry Martin**





## Circuit Diary

<b>June</b>			
Saturday	2nd	4pm	Ecumenical Pet Service on the green outside St Thomas's Brompton
Sunday	10th		Methodist Homes Sunday
Tuesday	12th	7.30pm	Circuit meeting at Brompton
Friday	15th	7pm	Brompton Chapel Anniversary Concert with East Witton Choir
Saturday	16th	7pm	Northallerton Methodist Church Choir Concert
Sunday	17th	4pm	District Ordinand's Testimony Service at Pocklington Methodist Church
	30th to 5th		Methodist Conference at Nottingham University
<b>July</b>			
Saturday	7th	3pm	Thornton-Le-Beans Methodist Church Strawberry Teas in the village hall.
Sunday	8th		Action for Children Sunday
Saturday	14th	3.30pm	Messy Church Northallerton Methodist Church
Saturday	21st	12 noon	Maunby Methodist Chapel Salad Meals at Romanby
Sunday	22nd	10.30am	Circuit Service at St James Green Thirsk

<b>August</b>			
Saturday	11th	TBC	Circuit Celebration further information to follow
Saturday	18th	5pm	Maunby Methodist Church Tea and Singalong
Saturday To Sunday	18th To 27th	Various	Battle of the Standard 880 year anniversary celebrations various events over the week including an open air service on Sunday 26th August at 3pm

***Items for the "Circuit Diary" can be sent at anytime to [magazine@northallertonmethodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:magazine@northallertonmethodistchurch.org.uk)***

***For any edition you would like it to appear in.***



# Thirsk and Northallerton Circuit

*from the Registers*

## Funerals for the late:

- ✝ 9<sup>th</sup> March Derek Ream at Northallerton
- ✝ 19<sup>th</sup> March Julie Robertson at Northallerton
- ✝ 22<sup>nd</sup> March John Bray at Northallerton
- ✝ 6th April Alice Maud Hardy at Middlesbrough crematorium
- ✝ 16<sup>th</sup> April Bernice Loughnane at Romanby
- ✝ 3<sup>rd</sup> May Gerald Chambers at Northallerton
- ✝ 8<sup>th</sup> May Joyce Hutchinson at Brompton
- ✝ 17<sup>th</sup> May Joan Knowles memorial service at Sowerby
- ✝ 18<sup>th</sup> May Kenneth Reynard at Sowerby
- ✝ 31st May Johnathan Wilkinson at Northallerton

## Baptism



15th April Archie John Hughes at Northallerton

3rd June Willow Christa Tasker at Northallerton

Items for the next edition are needed by 31st July 2018

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